



**DIXONS
BROOKLANDS
ACADEMY**

A message from our principal



**Mrs K Gardner
Principal**

What an amazing Open Evening we enjoyed this week! We were delighted to welcome so many prospective students and their families into our academy, giving them the opportunity to experience first-hand everything that makes our school such a special place to learn and grow.

Throughout the evening, visitors explored our classrooms, met our dedicated staff and enjoyed seeing the wide range of opportunities, subjects and enrichment activities available to our students. The atmosphere around the academy was incredibly positive, and it was wonderful to showcase the ambition, talent and enthusiasm that define our school community.

A particular thank you must go to our student helpers, who were impeccable throughout the evening. They greeted visitors with confidence, spoke proudly about their experiences and represented the academy exceptionally well. They were a real credit to our school, and we are immensely proud of the maturity, professionalism and kindness they demonstrated.

If you have friends or family members who were unable to attend Open Evening, please let them know that they can arrange an individual appointment to visit the school. Tours can be arranged during the school day or after school, providing an excellent opportunity to see the academy in action and learn more about the exciting opportunities available to our students.

Thank you to everyone who attended and helped make the evening such a success. We look forward to welcoming many of these families back to our academy in the future.

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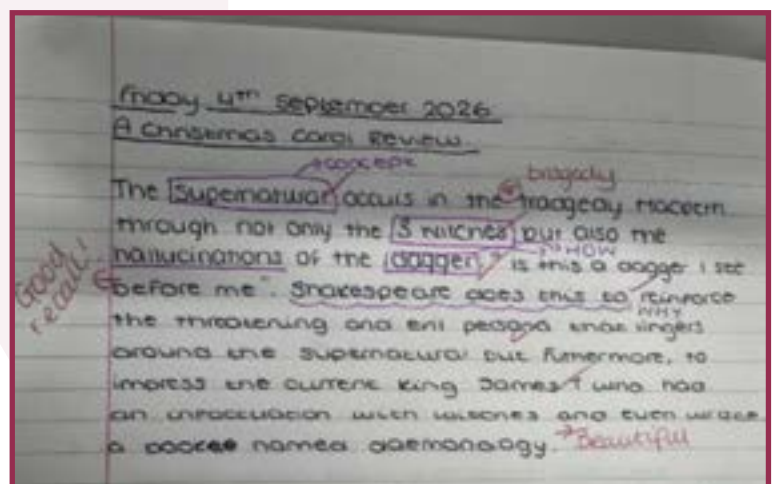
Celebrating our curriculum

Book of Excellence

This academic year we are celebrating our students by displaying their excellent work at reception for all visitors to see! Teachers will keep an eye out for great work and submit these weekly for review from the Director of Standards. All entries are celebrated and the chosen works are captured in a physical book at reception. We look forward to seeing this book burst with high standards of work from our children throughout the year!

These pieces of work have been selected for inclusion in our Book of Excellence this week! All students have received a certificate to celebrate their achievement.

We encourage you to stop by and take a look for yourselves!



Celebrating our students

Open Evening

Our staff and student helpers facilitated another successful open evening this year. With activities to showcase how our students learn from core subjects like maths where students challenged against time to complete number puzzles, to a fun display of an experiment in science!

Our catering team shared a taste of the varied meals we provide and our student musicians performed on our steel pans.



Free school meal eligibility

Free school meal eligibility has changed from September 2026 and families must now apply every academic year. If you have not checked your eligibility, please do so here: <https://fsm.lgfl.net/> or contact our reception team at info@dixonsbk.com.

The first October half term holiday voucher for £12 has been confirmed.



Celebrating our curriculum



Join us for the first Parent Forum of the year!

Parent Forum

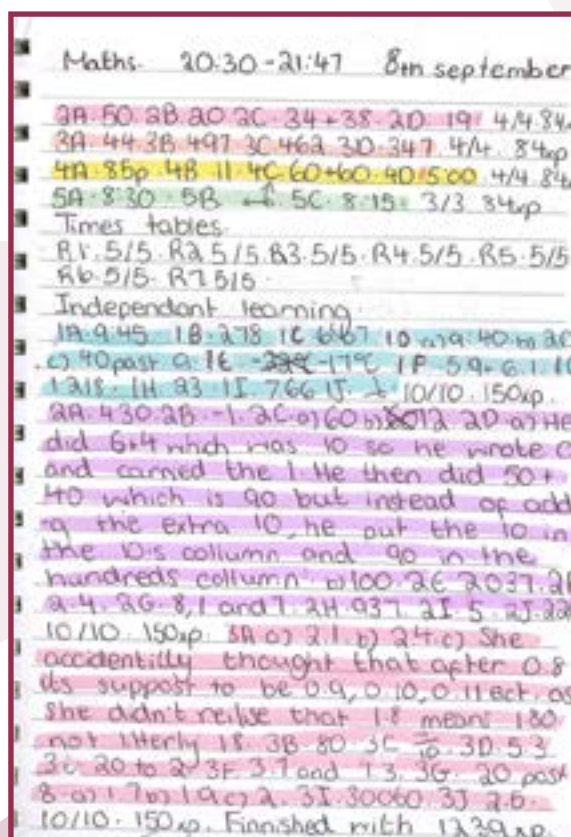
Help us support our childrens' and academy's success by sharing your views. Coffee, tea, and snacks will be provided.

Tuesday 29 September | 5-6pm

Dixons Brooklands Academy, Moor Road, Wythenshawe, M23 9BP

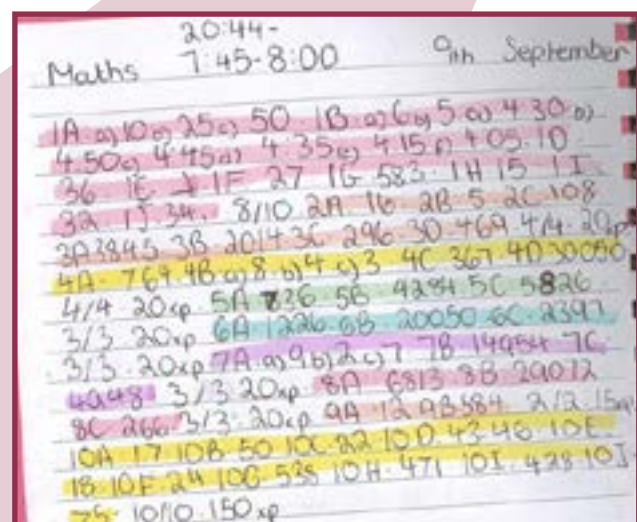


Student spotlight: Maths



Annie (Y7), this is a fantastic example of developing self-discipline to use 'Bookwork' when completing your 'Sparx Maths' homework.

Keep it up!



Celebrating our students

The Scholastic book fair is coming to Dixons Brooklands

We are excited to announce we will be taking part in the Scholastic travelling book fair. This is a fantastic opportunity for your child to browse their next favourite read to cosy up with as the autumn chill fast approaches!

The fair will run from 5 - 12 October, further details will be shared soon...



English subject stars

Students that have demonstrated incredible effort in their English lessons this week who have been nominated by class teachers.

Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11
• Hannah B • Esmae K • Rafaella S	• Talitha E • Darcey H • Darna M	• Teo A • Maci W • Chris H • Reece S	• Jwan A • Hassan S • Brooke T	• Anais C • Ruby S • Chloe B • Amy-Rose J

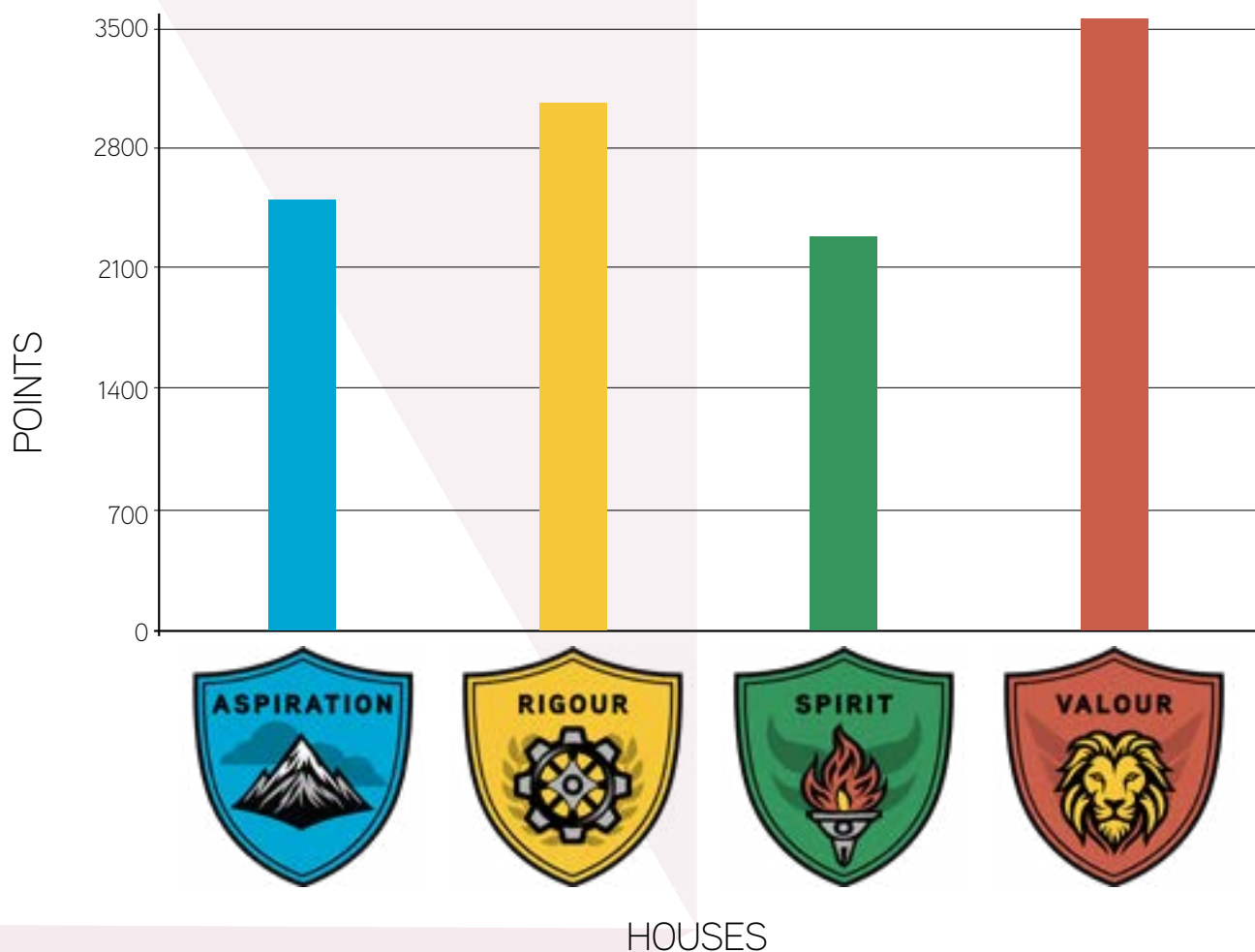
English independent thinkers

Students that have shown excellence in independent work or thinking throughout their English lessons this week.

KS3	KS4
• Matthew W • Thomas H	• Olivia P • Mali X • John S • Ellis M

House points

We have kicked off this year's house competition with a fantastic haul of points for every house - all earned through individual credits! Valour have an early lead, but it is very close at this early stage. House competitions are soon to be announced, so expect lots of changing of positions as the year progresses!



Extra-curricular activities

At Dixons Brooklands Academy, we believe that learning goes far beyond the classroom, and we are proud to offer a wide range of clubs and activities designed to enrich our students' school experience. We expect every student to attend at least one extra-curricular activity.

	Lunch	After school
Monday	Thrive and Dine (by invite) (T9/T14)	- Year 11 Maths - Year 11 Computer Science (P21) - Boys Football
Tuesday	- KS3 Coding (T1) - Steel Pans (T8) - Thrive and Dine (by invite) (T9/T14)	- GCSE Art Club - Year 11 Computer Science (P21) - Girls Football - Mixed Rugby - Keyboard Club (T8) - Basketball
Wednesday	Thrive and Dine (by invite) (T9/T14)	- Musical Acting (T13) - Guitar Club (T8) - Photography, 3D , Graphics (Year 10 / 11, S6) - Eco Club (P12) - Sparx Maths Homework Club - Chess Club (S1) - Science Club (Year 7 / 8, P17) - BTEC Sports Club - Creative Writing Club (P1)
Thursday	Thrive and Dine (by invite) (T9/T14)	- Achieve Club (T9) - Darts (Sports Hall)
Friday	- Head chef club (Year 10, T7) - Cookery Club (Year 8, T7) - Revolution Youth (Year 7 & 8, T16) - Thrive and Dine (by invite) (T9/T14)	- Musical Singing (T8) - Table Tennis (Sports Hall) - Netball - Cross-country

There is also a free breakfast club every morning before school from 7.30am, this is open to all students.

Next week

Menu week commencing 21/9/2026

	Main meal	Vegetarian meal
Monday	Greek gyros with spicy rice & roast courgette	Fried vegetables with spicy rice & roast courgette
Tuesday	Fajita chicken drumstick with BBQ pasta & steamed green cabbage	Creamy vegetable pie with potato & steamed green cabbage
Wednesday	Chicken slice with garlic new potatoes & steamed broccoli	Cheese & onion slice with garlic new potatoes & steamed broccoli
Thursday	Doner meat & spicy noodles with caramelised onion & coriander	Indian selection & noodles with caramelised onion & coriander
Friday	Southern fried chicken burger with homemade wedges & side salad	Vegetable burger with wedges, salad & selection of sauces

Each day there is also a panini selection with fillings of cheese, ham, pepperoni, and cheese & beans. Alongside this are a variety of sandwiches and baguettes, a salad bar and a choice of dessert.

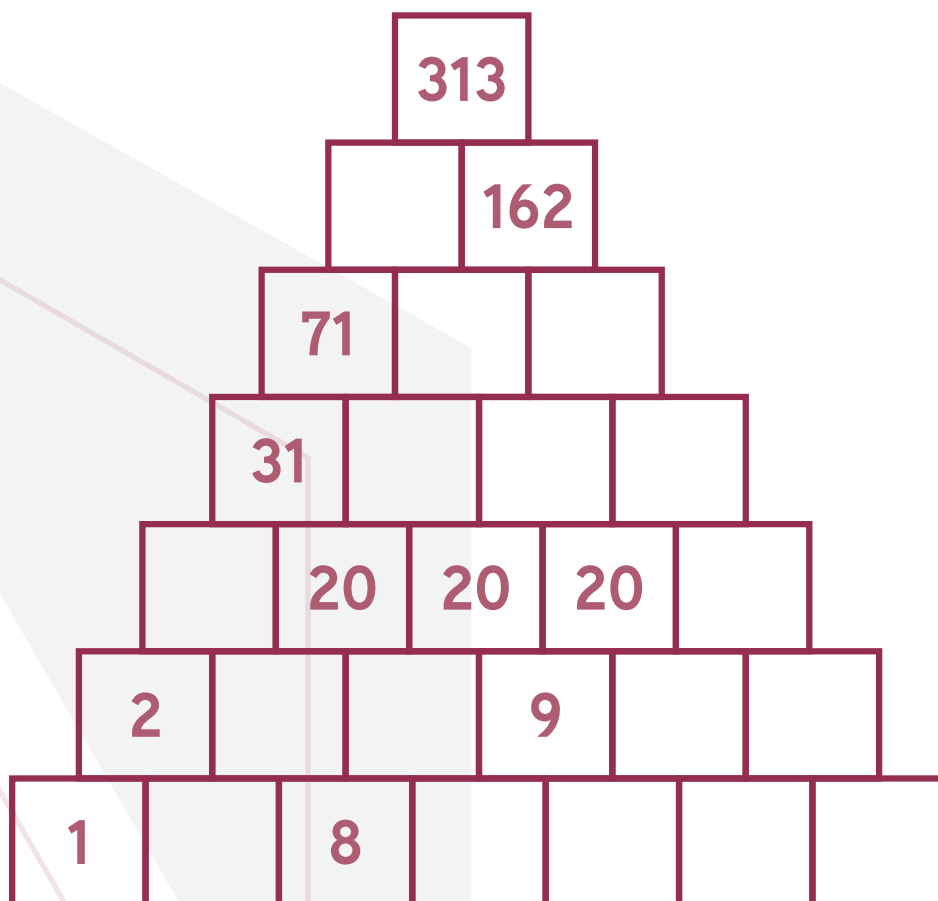
We follow best practices in safe food handling to prevent cross-contamination. However, we cannot guarantee our products are 100% free of any specific allergens. Allergens are listed on the front counter, which refer to the ingredients we use. We also are unable to guarantee an allergen-free environment where some of our ingredients or products from suppliers may have been produced in an environment with other allergens. Please double-check with a member of staff if you have any questions.

Dates for your diary

	Year group	Description
Tues 22 Sep	All	MyChildAtSchool and ParentPay Drop-in, 3.30pm
Thur 24 Sep	Year 11	Year 11 Information Evening
Tues 29 Sep	All	Parent Forum, 5-6pm
Thur 1 Oct	All	Flu immunisations
Mon 12 Oct	Year 7	Cycle 1 assessments
Fri 16 Oct	All	Last day of half term 1, return Monday 2 November

Brain teaser

The value of a square is the sum of the two squares directly below it. Can you complete the pyramid?



Last week's solution:

GLOW
FLOW
FLAW
FLAT
FEAT
HEAT